

# TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY, A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, AMENDING THE BYLAWS AND BOARD POLICY OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY

WHEREAS, Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District (the "Town") is a public agency and complies with a number of federal and state statutes, and local laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's interest that Board of Directors adopts and from time to time reviews a set of established Town of Discovery Bay Bylaws to provide for those exercise of powers as established in California Government Code §61000 et seq. (Community Services District law); and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Town were originally adopted by Resolution No. 98-07 on March 25, 1998, and were most recently amended on December 20, 2017 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Board of Directors desire to approve compensation to the Director as a single day of service to the Town for the Director's participation in and completion of any mandatory training program required by California law for Directors only upon the Director's participation in and completion of the mandatory training program and the Director's delivery of a written report to the Board regarding the Director's participation in and completion of the mandatory training program at the next Board of Directors meeting following the Director's completion of the mandatory training program; and

WHEREAS, the addition of mandatory sexual harassment training for Directors requires amendment to Policy 004, Board Policy, so that the Policy captures all of the mandatory training programs required by the State of California for Directors in order to lawfully discharge their duties as Directors; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to make certain changes and amend the Town of Discovery Bay Bylaws and Board Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1. That the Bylaws of the Town of Discovery Bay are hereby amended as set forth in Section 2 Compensation, of Article III, of Policy 002 and is incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
- SECTION 2. That the Bylaws of the Town of Discovery Bay are hereby amended as set for in Section 2 Terms and Responsibilities of Elected Officers, of Article IV, of Policy 002, and is incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
- SECTION 3. That Board Policy of the Town of Discovery Bay are hereby amended as set forth in Section II Power of the Board of Policy 004, and is incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
- SECTION 3. That these Amended Bylaws and Board Policy shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.
- SECTION 4. The Board Secretary shall certify the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District at a regularly scheduled meeting, held on February 21, 2018 by the following vote of the Board:

- President Aranes, Vine President Mayer, Director Lete, Drack Hase

**Board President** 

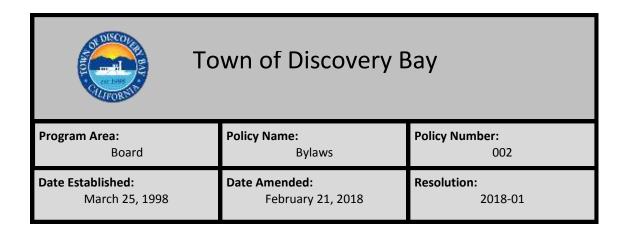
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NOES:

ABSTAIN: (1)

ABSTAIN:

Michael R. Davies Board Secretary



#### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

This unit of local government shall be known as the Town of Discovery Bay, a Community Services District, with powers and territorial boundaries as prescribed in Resolution No. 97/295 of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, State of California, dated June 10, 1997, and as provided by law.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Town of Discovery Bay, as approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission and by law, are

- **A**. To Operate as a Community Services District and provide water distribution, wastewater connection and treatment; and parks, landscaping and recreation services to the residents of Discovery Bay.
- **B**. To provide for those exercise of those powers set forth in Government Code §61000 et seq. (Community Services District Law).
- C. To continue the advisory responsibilities of the Discovery Bay Municipal Advisory Council;
- **D**. To serve the residents of the Town of Discovery Bay, in the manner provided by law.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# Section 1. Board of Directors

The governing body of the District shall consist of five (5) elected Directors, each of whom shall serve for a term of four (4) year staggered terms. During elections every two (2) years, either two (2) or three (3) Directors are elected to serve to the District for the next four (4) years.

## Section 2. Compensation

The Board may authorize each Director to receive compensation of One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) for each meeting of the Board attended, and One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) for each day's service not to exceed Six Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$690.00) per month as provided in Government Code §61047 and Chapter 2 commencing with Section 20200 of Division 10 of the Water Code.

Director participation in and completion of any mandatory training program for Directors required by California law shall be considered a single "day of service" approved for compensation only upon the Director's actual completion of each mandatory training program and the Director's delivery of a written report to the Board regarding the Director's participation in and completion of the mandatory training program at the next Board meeting following the Director's completion of the mandatory training program.

Director attendance at Regional Meetings shall only count as a compensated day of service when attendance at a Regional Meeting is specifically authorized in advance by the full Board.

Travel and such other necessary expenses actually incurred in performing District duties shall be reimbursed, and such reimbursement shall be in addition to the compensation specified herein consistent with the authorized Reimbursement and Travel Policy.

## Section 3. Vacancies

- **A.** Vacancies on the Board shall be filled in accordance with Government Code § 1780.
- **B.** Vacancies shall be deemed to exist as provided in Government Code § 1770.

# Section 4. Resignation

A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, to the President, or to the Secretary of the Board. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

## **ARTICLE IV**

#### **OFFICERS**

# **Section 1. Elected Officers**

The elected officers shall be chosen by the Board from among the five (5) members of the Board and shall consist of a President (who may be called "Chair") and a Vice-President (who may be called "Vice-Chair").

## Section 2. Terms and Responsibilities of Elected Officers

Elected Officers of the Board, as provided in Article IV, Sec. 1, shall be elected by the Board at the first meeting in January and shall serve for one (1) year, said term to commence upon election. All elected officers shall be eligible to serve successive terms, except that the

President shall be eligible to serve not more than two (2) full successive terms as President.

Board members shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, including, but not limited to, the participation in and completion of any mandatory training program for Board members required by California law.

Board members may serve on Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, and attend Regional Meetings as necessary.

Board members shall be assigned to attend Regional Meetings. Director attendance at Regional Meetings as a representative of the Board shall only be compensated as a day of service, when attendance at a specific Regional Meeting is approved in advance by the full Board.

Regional Representation is to be assigned based upon the position held by the Board member and the seniority of each member of the Board. Board members will have preference of committee selections in the following order: President and Vice-President, followed by the senior most next consecutive Board members. In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure. This procedure shall be used to fill Primary and Alternate members to respective Regional Representation. Board Members shall be assigned to the Regional Meetings for a two-year term.

The Board shall maintain five (5) advisory Standing Committees. Two members of the Board of Directors shall be assigned to each Standing Committee. The Standing Committees and their subject matter and responsibilities are as follows:

# 1. WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding all water and wastewater operations and planning.

# 2. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding community center operations/activities, parks and recreation activities and landscaping efforts.

## 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding budgets, investments/debt and the Public Financing Authority.

## 4. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding all Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District external communications activities.

#### 5. INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District personnel policies and general administration of the organization.

Each advisory Standing Committee shall meet within the boundaries of the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District or at a Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District facility. Each Standing Committee shall establish its meeting schedule, which shall, at a minimum, meet at least quarterly. Said meetings shall be noticed pursuant to the Brown Act.

Board Standing Committees are to be assigned based upon the position held by the Board member and the seniority of each member of the Board. Board members will have preference of committee selections in the following order: President and Vice-President, followed by the senior most next consecutive Board members. In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure. This procedure shall be used to fill two appointees to each Standing Committee. Board Members shall serve on the Standing Committee for a two-year term. Board members may voluntarily trade committee assignments with another Board member by mutual consent.

The Board may establish Ad Hoc Committees that may become necessary from time to time to receive input from the public on a specific subject matter and limited in term, and formed by Resolution of the Board.

# A. General Responsibilities of the Board President

- 1. Shall preside at all meetings of the board and such other meetings approved by the Board, and have authority to call for short recesses during meetings unless a majority of the Directors by vote oppose a recess.
- **2.** Cooperatively work with the General Manager/Board Secretary and Staff on the preparation of CSD Meeting Agendas and its contents.
- **3.** Shall serve as official spokesperson for the Board.
- **4.** Shall designate Directors or others to represent the Board at various meetings, hearings, and conferences, as confirmed by the Board. May co-sign all checks for warrants approved by the Board.
- 5. Shall perform such other duties as necessary to carry out the work of the Board.
- **6.** Shall perform such duties as prescribed by law.

## B. General Responsibilities of the Vice-President

**1.** Shall serve in the absence of the President.

# C. Senior Most Board Member

- 1. Shall serve in the absence of the President and the Vice-President.
- 2. In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### **APPOINTED OFFICERS**

## **Section 1. Appointed Officers**

- **A.** The appointed officers of the District shall be General Manager, and a Secretary, who may be the same person, but neither of whom shall be a Director. The duties of the appointed officers shall be as specified in law, and as directed by the Board.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code §61050(b), the treasurer of the County of Contra Costa shall serve as the District Treasurer, and shall be the depositary and have the custody of all of the district's money except those accounts that are authorized under the Community Services District laws and/or in effect prior to January 1, 2006.

The Board may appoint such other officers as it deems necessary.

## Section 2. General Responsibilities of the General Manager

- **A.** Appraise and evaluate the effects of the Board policies and the manner of their execution, and the efficiency of District personnel in terms of services rendered to the people of the District.
- **B.** Provide leadership to staff in identifying District needs, establishing priorities and determining the objectives, which will achieve the established goals of the District.
- **C.** Encourage and assist staff in the performance of their duties and encourage their professional growth.
- **D.** Ensure evaluation of personnel under his/her direction.
- **E.** Interpret and publicize the programs and services of the District for and to the public.
- **F.** Provide financial oversight of the District and Contra Costa County pursuant to funds on deposit at that agency.
- **G.** Lead the District management team in the preparation of the budget, control of expenditures, inventory control, program planning, changing priorities and public relations.
- **H.** Perform the function of the District's Public Information Officer.
- **I.** Participate in community activities.
- **J.** Continue a program of professional development to assure and enhance staff's professional growth.
- **K.** Keep the Board informed of all communications affecting the District.

# Section 3. General Responsibilities of the Secretary of the Board

- **A.** Certify official documents and letters as required.
- **B.** Maintain the official files and records of the Board.
- **C.** Prepare the agenda for the Board meetings.
- **D.** Prepare and distribute minutes of the meeting of the Board.
- **E.** Maintain historical record and newspaper articles.
- **F.** Post agendas, minutes, public notices and proposed action documents as required by Board and government regulations.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **MEETINGS**

## **Section 1. Regular and Special Meetings**

- A. The Board shall hold a regular meeting on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesdays of each month, at the District Office located at 1800 Willow Lake Road, Discovery Bay, California 94505. Such regular meetings shall be for considering reports of the affairs of the District and for transacting such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting. Such meetings may be altered as to date, time and place, as provided for in a Resolution adopted by the Board.
- **B.** Special meetings may be called in accordance with the California Ralph M. Brown Act of 1953, as amended (hereafter Brown Act).

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act.

## Section 2. Quorum

The Board shall be empowered to conduct the business of the District whenever there is present at a properly called meeting, a quorum, as defined as comprising a majority of the existing Directors; normally three (3); except as otherwise provided by law. Pursuant to Government Code §61045, the affirmative votes of three (3) members of the Board are required for action to be taken.

# Section 3. Voting

- **A.** Voting shall only be conducted at proper noticed meeting where a quorum has been established and members are physically present.
- **B.** Voting shall be by voice, show of hands, or roll call vote.
- **C.** Any vote that is other than unanimous shall be recorded by name of the voting member and whether the member voted "AYE", "NO" or "ABSTAIN".

# Section 4. Notice of Regular and Special Meetings

- **A.** Notices of Regular Meetings shall be pursuant to the Brown Act. Such notices shall specify the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting and accompanying the notice shall be a copy of the agenda for that meeting.
- **B.** Notices of Special Meetings shall be pursuant to the Brown Act. In the case of special meetings, the notice, written or by telephone, shall specify the specific nature of the business to be transacted.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **PAYMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND REPORTS**

## **Section 1. Payments**

All checks, warrants, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of, or payable to, the District, shall be signed or endorsed by both the President and Vice President, and one other Director, or, in the absence of the elected officers, any two (2) Directors.

## **Section 2. Contracts**

The Board, except as in the Bylaws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, the District. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the District by any contract or engagement, to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

# Section 3. Reports

The Board shall prepare and cause to be sent an annual water quality report to the residents of the District.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Rosenberg's Rules of Order, current edition or such other authority as may be subsequently adopted by resolution of the Board is to apply to all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not specified in these Bylaws or otherwise by law. All motions made at Board meetings shall require a second to the motion prior to the Directors voting. The President of the Board may unilaterally call for a recess at any time during a Regular or Special Meeting of the Board. The Board President may unilaterally adjourn the meeting unless a majority of the Board votes to continue the meeting.

# **ARTICLE IX**

# **AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws may be repealed or amended, or new Bylaws may be proposed, by resolution and the affirmative vote of at least three (3) members of the Board at any regular meeting of the Board, provided notice of such proposal shall be in compliance with the Brown Act, as amended.

Town of Discovery Bay		
Program Area:	Policy Name:	Policy Number:
Board	Board Policy	004
Date Established:	Date Amended:	Resolution:
June 19, 2002	February 21, 2018	2018-01

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the elected Board of Directors of the Town of Discovery Bay, a multipurpose independent special district, is to represent the residents within its boundaries in any and all matters covered under the California Government Code relating to a Community Services District.

In addition to the purposes listed in the Government Code, the District has been ordered by LAFCO and the Board of Supervisors to perform an advisory role for the residents of Discovery Bay. This role includes, but is not limited to, advising the County in matters of land use planning, zoning, compliance, roads and streets, lighting, landscaping, parks and public safety services.

#### I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The governing body of the Town of Discovery Bay is a Board of Directors comprised of five (5) Board members elected by the registered voters of the District to serve four (4) year staggered terms. During the elections every two (2) years, either two (2) or three (3) Directors are elected to serve the District for the next four (4) years.

Yearly the Board of Directors elects a President and Vice-President. The President of the Board chairs the meeting, performs such duties as prescribed by State or Federal law and such other duties as prescribed by Board Policy or the established Bylaws of the Town of Discovery Bay. In the event of the President's absence, the Vice-President performs said duties.

Should the President and Vice President not be present to chair a meeting, the duties of the chair shall be performed by the Board member with the highest seniority. In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of the assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member.

The appointment of Board officers shall be established based upon the following schedule:

## **Board President**

In order to be considered to serve as President of the Board, the Board member must have served on the Board for a minimum 24 months prior to being considered for rotation into the Board President position. The Board Presidency shall be assigned to the Board member who has not served as President and who has met the 24 month requirement.

If more than one Board member has met the 24 month requirement and not served as President, the member with the longest tenure on the Board of Directors shall be the first person appointed to the position of President.

In the event each member of the Board has previously served as President at one point in their respective office, the Board member to serve as Board President shall be the member who has not served as President for the longest period time.

In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure.

# **Vice President**

The Vice President shall be the Director next in line to be President based on the then current service time. In order for a Board member to be considered for the position of Vice President, the Board member must have served on the Board for a minimum of 12 months prior to being considered for rotation into the Board Vice President position. The Board Vice President shall be assigned to the Board member who has not served as Vice President and who has met the minimum 12 month service requirement.

In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure.

#### II. POWER OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors recognizes its duty to formulate and approve the policy program for the operation, control, administration and planning of the District's facilities and activities of the District.

Board meetings shall be noticed and shall take place pursuant to the Ralph M Brown Act of 1953, as amended (hereafter, Brown Act).

The parliamentary procedure for conducting all meetings will be Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

The Board meets its obligations to the electorate by performing as a legislative, administrative and control body.

The Board may have standing committees and may appoint ad hoc committees as the need arises. The District's General Manager or Designee may serve as staff support to those committees.

In the discharge of their duties, Directors shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, the participation in and completion of any mandatory training program for Directors required by California law.

## III. RESPONSIBILITIES

- **A**. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors:
- To select a General Manager as the Board's chief administrative officer and professional advisor
  and properly delegate to him or her the authority and responsibility to execute its' policies, enforce
  its rules and regulations, and administer the facilities, programs, and services of the District.
  Provide the General Manager with the necessary personnel and resources to carry out his or her
  responsibilities.
- **2.** To adopt a District budget that provides the best possible facilities, programs, and services, within the limits of fiscal responsibility, to the people of the District.
- 3. To adopt a comprehensive set of Board policies and administrative procedures to govern the operation of the District. These policies and procedures shall be amended and revised as appropriate and shall be compiled and published in a Board Policies Manual. The District shall keep at its offices a master copy of such manual, which shall be kept for all purposes the official record of the Board policies of the District.
- **4.** By motion, resolution, or ordinance conduct the business of the District, taking those actions that ensure that satisfactory services are provided throughout the community.
- **5.** Keep informed on agenda items and on-going business of the Board.
- **6.** Be well informed on the provisions of laws, ordinances and resolutions as they affect conduct of the District and the Board.
- **7.** Attend meetings with promptness and regularity.
- **8.** Elect officers and confirm standing and ad hoc committee members and District representatives to external agencies.
- **9.** Initiate, review and approve plans that will satisfy future requirements, including a long-range plan (five (5) to ten (10) years).
- **10.** Review and act upon plans and recommendations submitted by the Board committees and the General Manager. This action includes adoption, rejection, amendment or return to committee.

**11.** Single Board members will not represent the whole of the Board in other open or closed meetings without prior sanction by the majority direction of the Board.

#### B. GENERAL CONDUCT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

#### 1. No member of the Board or Officers of the District shall:

- a. Represent his or her position as that of the Board unless the Board has acted upon that position.
- **b**. Make unsolicited statements to anyone other than the Board during Board deliberations.
- **c.** Issue any writings or statements to the press or public without clearly distinguishing which statements are his or her own and which are established Board positions.

## 2. Preparation and Commitment:

- a. Shall respect the Board's commitment to work through the General Manager by requesting desired information about the District's programs/activities directly from him/her, by referring to him/her suggestions for new policies, for his/her professional advice, by refraining from acting on any complaint until after the General Manager has had an opportunity to investigate fully and report to the Board, and by wholeheartedly supporting Board approved actions of the General Manager and his/her staff.
- **b.** Accept the principle of Board unity or consensus by supporting majority decisions of the Board.
- c. Shall make decisions involving the welfare of the District based on factual information and evidence recognizing that personal feelings, opinions and other such factors are not conductive to sound decision making.
- **d.** Come prepared, ready to ask questions and make decisions.
- e. Do what is agreed upon.
- **f.** Respect confidentiality of Closed Session agenda items.
- g. Contact the General Manager prior to meeting for more information, if needed.

# C. ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

# 1. Orientation of Board Members

**a.** The Board of Directors recognizes its responsibility in helping and assisting a newly elected or appointed Board member to understand the operation of the District as well as the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board. The Board and General Manager shall assist each new member-elect to understand the Board functions, policies, procedures, roles, duties and responsibilities of members of the Board. The following methods shall be employed:

- **b.** The new member shall be given selected material on the duties and responsibilities associated with Board membership. These materials shall include, but are not limited to: The Government Code dealing with Community Services Districts, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, Board Policies, and any pertinent publications issued by the California Special Districts Association, the California Parks and Recreation Society and other agencies, as needed.
- c. As soon as practical after the new Board member assumes office, an orientation meeting with General Manager will be held prior to the first Board meeting to acquaint the new member with details of District operations.
- **d.** The incoming member may meet with the General Manager and members of his staff to discuss services they perform for the Board and the District.

# 2. Policy Violations

a. Board Members who intentionally or repeatedly do not comply with this Policy may be reprimanded or formally censured by the Board of Directors.

## D. Responsibilities of a Committee Chairperson

- 1. Undertake the specific tasks or assignments as established by the Board or Board President together with the participation of the other members of the committee.
- 2. Plan and schedule the necessary activities and obtain commitments for the necessary resources to complete the assignment.
- **3**. Present a report on status and progress to the Board at appropriate times as designated by the President.
- **4**. Prepare recommendations and justification for any proposed action and submit to the Board for decision and implementation when approved.
- **5**. Provide overall leadership of the committee.
- **6**. Perform the duties of a Board member if appropriate.